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PICO BEACH, SEPTEMBER, 1938 - Photo by Win Jenney

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25 Years Ago -- 1938

The first of the century's great hurricanes, September 21, 1938 (concluded).

When people build summer homes and cottages at the seashore they obviously build them as close to the water as possible. So when the hurricane seas rose far over the land rim, the devastation at the beaches was quick and complete. People learned how wooden buildings go to pieces when smashed by the sea--they are torn into floors, walls, and roofs. Each floor, wall, and roof then becomes, tossed upon following seas, a giant weapon that slices through the next row of buildings. So it was at Aucoot, Peases Point, Point Connett, Crescent Beach, Pico Beach, The Cedars, Antassawomack and Brant Island.

At Crescent Beach, where the land is level, 150 houses, sliced and smashed in this fashion, ended up as much as a quarter of a mile inland in fantastic piles of snarled wreckage. Finally, tremendous cranes had to be used to pull the wreckage apart.

Because there had been no warning, because no one knew this was a hurricane, and because no one took any precautions, hundreds of people narrowly escaped death, and a few unfortunates were not so lucky. All that long, horrible night, search crews hunted the wreckage, finding bodies, and by a miracle, rescuing a few victims still alive, trapped in the timbers.

That night will never be forgotten by those who experienced it--the complete blackness, the shock of destruction, the sense of death, the tremendous wind as it backed into the northwest, and above the wind as it gradually waned, the eerie howling of terror-stricken dogs.

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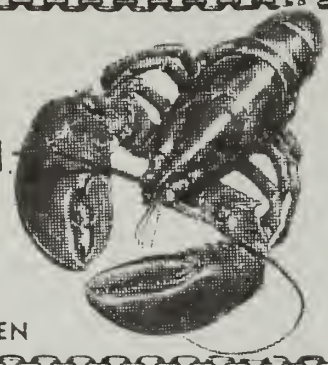

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visited the ruins and declared Mattapoisett one of the three hardest hit communities in the state. And Cliff Tripp kept the waterworks running on an old Buick engine.

For weeks and weeks the rehabilitation went on. Seventy-five men from town and 190 men from New Bedford were assigned to the task. A special Town Meeting appropriated $4,300. The Federal Government allotted $50,000 for labor, and furnished trucks and material (all the wharves had to be refilled and recapped).

Everyone who went through the hurricane has his own store of memories. This account merely hits a few of one man's recollections. A book could be written, and there would still be more to tell. Yet one more feature must be mentioned.

The destructiveness of the hurricane was equalled only by its capriciousness. While hundreds of summer cottages were smashed to splinters, at The Cedars the waves lifted one cottage off its foundation, raised it over a stone wall and a clump of young trees, carried it 300 feet, and set it down in a field. When the owner went in the next morning, not a thing had moved out of place, not a thing had fallen, not a thing was broken. Two vases of flowers still stood on tables, and a row of plates still stood on the pantry shelves leaning slightly against the wall behind.

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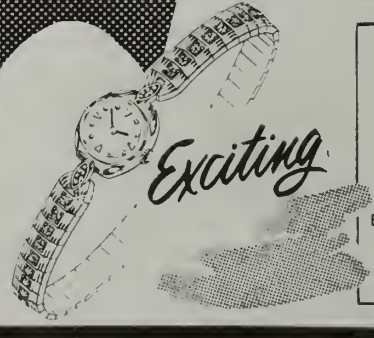

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PTC MEETING AT CENTER SCHOOL

The all purpose room of Mattapoisett Center School was filled to capacity last Thursday evening, when the school's PTC launched its new season with a very successful pot luck supper. Club president, Charles B. Dunn conducted an informal meeting at which time members of the new executive board and the entire Center School faculty were introduced to the assembly. Mr. Dunn also explained the plans and goals of this 1963-64 season. Proposed club projects are support of the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation and American Legion Boy's State, financial assistance to the school's program of Audio-Visual Aids, and the es-

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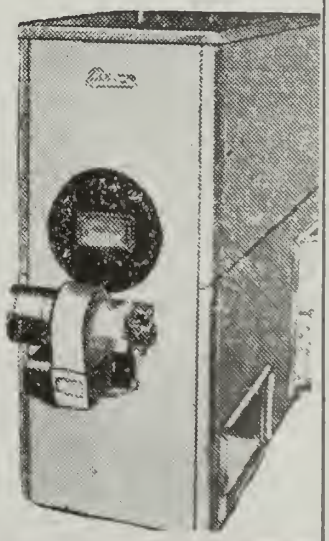

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tablishment of an annual awards program for Center School students.

Mrs. Beryl Sullivan announced that the club membership drive has resulted in 199 paid members with more returns from the canvass expected.

An important date on the program is November 22nd when the club will present "An Evening with Don Kent". Ways and means chairman, Mrs. Richard Norman distributed tickets and urged active participation by all club members to make this event financially successful. The affair is to be held at Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium and special student tickets will be available.

Also next month, the club will observe the annual tradition of acting as host at the school's November Open House. The date for this will be announced later.

Also serving with Mr. Dunn on the executive board are Paul Mullaney, first vice-president; Joseph Kobak, second vice-president; Gladys Charest, secretary; Barney Helfand, treasurer; Robert Moynihan, publicity chairman; Pauline Collins, refreshment chairman; Mrs. Norman, ways and means; and Beryl Sullivan, membership chairman.

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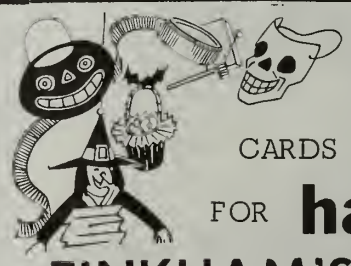
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Miss Barbara Jean Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferman C. Davis of Marion, and Ira R. Hiller, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira R. Hiller, 2nd of Water Street, Mattapoisett, were married recently at the First Congregational Church in Marion.

The Rev. George Robinson officiated at the double ring service. White gladioli, chrysanthemums and red roses decorated the church. A reception followed at the Harbor Beach Lodge, Mattapoisett.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of dulcette satin fashioned with a sabrina neckline, long tapered sleeves and fitted bodice with similated pearl motifs. The selfband molded empire waist extended to a controlled sheath, double overlay accents at the back waist and detachable chapel-length train. A circlet of material with wax spears held her silk illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of stephanotis, an orchid and garnet roses.

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Bids must be submitted in duplicate in a sealed envelope plainly marked and addressed to the office of the Selectmen of the Town of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts.

General information and specifications for bid may be obtained at the office of the Selectmen of the Town of Mattapoisett on or after October 15, 1963.

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Charles Hiller of Mattapoisett was best man for his brother. Ushers were Robert Davis of Marion, brother of the bride; Alan Fales and John Aylesbury, both of Mattapoisett.

The bride's mother wore a toast colored dress of brocade, matching accessories and a brown orchid. The mother of the groom was dressed in pale green silk, matching accessories and an orchid.

Following an auto trip to Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Hiller will reside on Marion Road, Mattapoisett. For going away the bride wore a charcoal and tan wool knitted suit, tan accessories and an orchid. She was graduated from Wareham High School and Kinyon School.

The groom was graduated from Fairhaven High School and attended Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York.

LARGE TURNOUT AT BOOSTERS NIGHT

The Old Rochester Boosters Club held a highly successful meeting last Wednesday at the Old Rochester Regional High School. Coach Almeida showed movies of the Case and Dighton-Rehoboth games, taken by Mr. Kenneth Pierce. As he rolled the movies the coach gave a breakdown of the plays. He also discussed various teams they will meet and hoped for a good season. He said that most schools have a Freshman team and allow 8th graders to play. He believes it is necessary to have a good, sound Freshman program in order to compete on even

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terms with other schools. It was a most interesting and informative talk which was enjoyed by the many people in attendance.

Norman Fuller, coach of the cross country runners, discussed the prospects of his team for a successful season. The Old Rochester cross country team has jumped one class from class E to class D.

The Wareham Boosters Club extended an invitation to the O.R. Boosters to attend their next meeting on October 14th. The two clubs are joining in plans for the Cranberry Bowl Game on November 2nd. This is a promising rivalry and the Boosters from both towns want to make it a colorful and exciting event. Plans are in the works for some off field spectacle to match the fireworks on the gridiron.

Al Crabtree, president, presided at the meeting. Next meeting of the Boosters is November 13th.

OLD ROCHESTER SHOCKS SOMERSET

Old Rochester's Bulldogs rolled on Saturday to upset highly favored Somerset. Coach Frank Almeida's team piled on the score to make the impressive win one of the season's top upsets. The home team put up a strong defensive wall to stop the Somerset running attack and make the game a shutout. Final score was Rochester 21 - Somerset 0.

Saturday, October 19th, Old Rochester vs. Bourne at Mattapoisett at 1:30 P.M.

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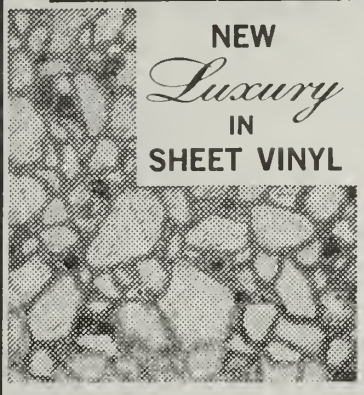

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Hazel E. (Geggatt) Bettencourt of Hartley Road, Rochester and Arthur L. Kenney of Snipatuit Road, Rochester were married at the First Congregational Church in New Bedford by the Rev. Phillip J. Cleveland at 11 A.M. on October 5th. Matron of honor was Katherine Keith of South Westport who wore a blue and white print dress, flowered hat and pink rosebud corsage. Best man was Albert Rondelli of West Wareham. The bride wore an aqua dress, flowered hat and orchid corsage.

The wedding party enjoyed a luncheon at the Golden Spur in Middleboro. Following an auto trip through New Hampshire and Maine, the couple are making their home on Hartley Road, Rochester.

Airman third class George R. Bettencourt, presently stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois, was given a short leave to be present at the wedding. Entering the Air Force in July, he took his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, and was then transfered to Chanute where he is studying electronics.

Two other sons, Thomas A. Kenney and Wayne L. Bettencourt, are at home with the couple. Both attend Old Rochester Regional High School.

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At a banquet held at Gaudette's Pavilion last Sunday a beautiful cup was awarded the Mattapoisett Ponies, National League champions and runners-up in the Greater New Bedford Championship. The cup will be exhibited in the Town Hall and other announced places in town.

Individual cups were given to the following 14-year old boys who are graduating from the club's league: David Dupont, William Darrah, Leon Lewis, Michael Britto, Steven Valladoa, Richard Strawn, Andrew Marcoux and Michael Sylvia. Returning next year will be Wayne Guilherme, Robert Sherman, James Gaudiello, and Kenneth Lomba.

Hal Goodnough, Milwaukee Braves scout, was the guest speaker.

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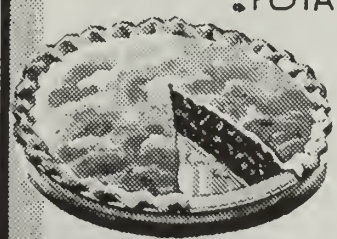
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Making a fast buck by dealing with the enemy has always been frowned upon in every country. and in every age. To make such deals legal, is to destroy the moral foundations of a country. The justification for the move is that the other countries are doing it so ours might as well get in on it. This is shaky ground. Red China produces and sells opium to the criminals of the world. This is highly profitable. We need gold, so, should the U. S. join the dope trade? Canada sells wheat to the Communists. If Canada does it, should the U. S.? What's the difference, basically, between these two propositions?

The Cold War has been made on the United States. Should the United States, while under attack, help the Communists out of trouble? The area in which the free nations excell is in the production of food and goods. Should we now surrender the product of our free system to support a Communist nation in its drive to world domination?

The President has made his decision. Is is now U. S. policy to supply the enemy. He explains that food is not war material. This is a new idea. For years, our main hope has been that a dissatisfied people, under the domination of Communist leaders, might rebel and return freedom to their nations. Now there is no hope for them for our nation is supporting the Communist Dictatorship. We get them out of trouble by selling them wheat at bargain prices far below cost to the U. S. and,now that trading with the enemy is sound business practice,is there any valid reason for withholding anything. Why not sell everything they need and make a pile of gold?

No matter what glib words are uttered to attempt to ram this down American throats, it is a deal which will nauseate many. It is a rejection of principle, it is misuse of United States tax money and another surrender to Communism.

Last November the Soviet Union placed an expensive order with a firm in West Germany for large diameter pipe for an oil pipeline. The United States, under the present administration, forced the German firm to reject the order. The argument was that the pipeline would be an immense help to the Communist economy. The firm rejected the order. They trusted the word and supported the policy of the U. S. leadership in refusing aid and comfort to the Communists. What fools they were.

We have seen an editorial justifying this wheat deal on the grounds that the United States should trade with the enemy because the U. S. needs gold. We have not yet seen any editorial justifying Joseph Valchi's trade in murder, burgularly and dope peddling because he needed money. Why not? Both situations deal with the sale of moral principle for cash. D.C.J.

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the Rochester Bowling League after Mike Renahan's 380 helped take two points from Hillers Garage. Ed Figuerido had a 359 for the Garage. Maury Gifford came through with a 334 for Herbs TV and a sweep over the Woodchoppers. Knotty Pine Cafe won two points in their match with Hartley Saw Mill. Bob Jefferson was tops for the Cafe with a 347, while Mal Cameron had 345 for the Mill. Allen King posted a 367 as Hartleys Garage dumped Lloyds Market.

LIONS CLUB MEETING

Guest speaker at the Mattapoisett Lions Club meeting at Harbor Beach Lodge was Mr. Joseph Souza, president of the board of Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute and chairman of the board of trustees, who gave an inspiring talk on the school. The idea for such a school started years ago by the then Governor Leverett Saltonstall. In 1960 Governor Furcolo started things moving, acquired 700 acres and expects ultimately ten thousand students. He spoke of the problem of its organization and problems in "getting things going".

Four new members were inducted; Mr. Real Breton, Dr. Clayton King, Mr. William Keavy and Mr. Clifton Macomber.

King Lion Raymond Covill announced that the first annual district round-up will be in the Roseland Ballroom, Taunton at 7 P.M. October 29 and the tenth anniversary party will be held

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at Harbor Beach Lodge November 13 with the Fairhaven Lions Club. Ladies are welcome at this party.

Other dates for the Mattapoisett Lions to keep in mind are: November 4, zone advisory meeting at Harbor Beach Lodge; December 11, Christmas Party; January 8, District Governor "Gusher" Sylvia's official visitation combined with the kickoff of the calendar project; January 25, mid-winter conference, New Bedford Hotel; March 2, zone advisory meeting at Bourne Mill; March 11, joint meeting with Marion Lions Club, Harbor Beach Lodge; May 15, State convention, New Ocean House, Swampscott; June 10, annual banquet, Harbor Beach Lodge and July 8, international Convention, Toronto, Canada.

The Mattapoisett Lions are helping the United Fund by soliciting the 80 small businesses in their town with Neil Sylvia heading the project.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO ENTERTAIN CIRCLE FOR BLIN

Members of the Rochester Woman's Club will entertain the Friendly Circle for the Blind on Tuesday afternoon, October 22nd. The Circle will meet for their business session at 1:30. Refreshments will be served and entertainment provided under the direction of a committee headed by Mrs. Ethel Gary, president.

HUNTING RESTRICTIONS AT OR

The wooded area around the Old Rochester Regional High School has been closed to hunting.

Such restrictions are important to insure the safety of the school's cross country runners, who use this area for practice sessions and meets throughout the week.

Strict legal enforcement of this restriction regulation shall be followed.

Joseph C. Kunces,
Superintendent of Schools

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WATCHMAKERS ASSOC.

Mr. Henry B. Smith of Bates Road, Rochester, was elected president of the Massachusetts Association of Watchmakers at the annual dinner and election of officers held in Boston at the Midtown Motor Inn Motel. A founder of the Association, he has served as program chairman and for the last three years has been chairman of the board of directors. He has also served as chairman of chapters on the board of the American Watchmakers' Institute, the national organization. Members of this association represent both the retail and whole-

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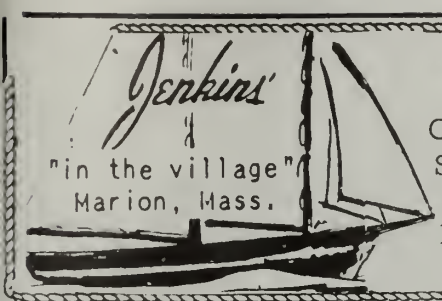

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The Mattapoisett Juvenile Grange held its meeting Friday night with the master-elect presiding. Under new business Shawn Jefferson was elected pomona and Jane Harris, lady assistant steward.

Alan Hickey was taken into membership and Robert Ouellette, master of Rochester Grange, was made an honorary member.

The worthy lecturer, Marilyn Lewis, presented Frank Jefferson, Jr. of Middleboro who conducted a most enjoyable lecturer's program of games. He was assisted by Mr. Ouellette. Apples were served for the refreshment period.

Announcement was made for the Juvenile Installation of officers to be held Sunday, October 20th, at 2:30 P.M. at the Grange Hall. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

GRANGE MEETING

The Mattapoisett Grange No. 215 will meet Thursday night, October 17th, in the Grange Hall. The program will be arranged by Earle Wilson and will be a variety program.

APPOINTMENTS FOR PARENTS AT ORRHS

The Old Rochester Regional High School wishes to announce the procedure for parents to make appointments with the Guidance Counselors or classroom teachers. The counselors assigned to the various grade levels are as follows: Miss Rosalie Tirrell, grades

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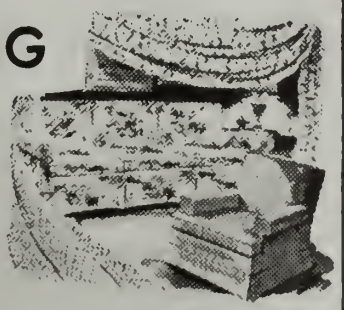

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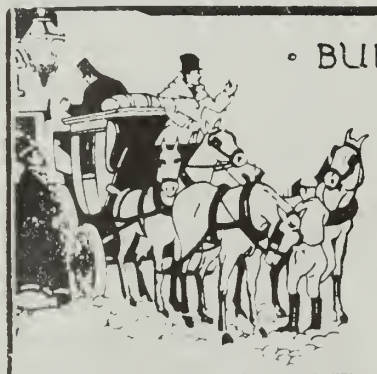
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